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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ERIC BLOMQUIST, individually and
on behalf of all others similarly
situated, and JUN DAM, individually,

Case No: 2:20-cv-00464-SAB

CLASS ACTION

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs,

V.

PERKINS COIE, LLP, a Washington limited liability partnership; PERKINS COIE CALIFORNIA, P.C., a California corporation; PERKINS COIE U.S., P.C.; and LOWELL NESS, individually,

Defendants.

Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian

Complaint Filed: December 16, 2020
Trial Date: Not Yet Set

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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I. RECITALS

A. This Stipulation of Settlement (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and the Class Members, and by Defendants Perkins Coie LLP, Perkins Coie U.S., P.C., Perkins Coie California, P.C., and Lowell Ness (“Perkins Coie” or “Defendants”). Capitalized terms used herein are defined in Section II of this Settlement Agreement or indicated in parentheses;

B. Subject to Court approval, the Parties stipulate and agree that, in consideration for the promises and covenants set forth in the Settlement Agreement and upon entry by the Court of a Final Judgment and Approval Order, the occurrence of the Effective Date, and upon satisfaction of all conditions to this Settlement Agreement, the Action shall be settled and compromised upon the terms and conditions contained herein;

C. WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, Jun Dam filed a class action complaint against Perkins Coie in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington Case No. 2:20-cv-00464-SAB, on behalf of himself and all other persons whose money was allegedly improperly released from the Escrow Account maintained by Perkins Coie in connection with the sale of Ethereum tokens (“Tokens”). Each Token entitled the purchaser to place one watt of computing power in cryptomining facilities maintained by Giga Watt, Inc. in Eastern Washington (the “Giga Watt Project”). The initial sale of Tokens (“Initial Token Offering”) was conducted in May through July of 2017. Giga Watt, Inc. filed a bankruptcy Case No. 18-03197 FPC 11 in the Eastern District of Washington in November of 2018 (“Bankruptcy Case”);

D. WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, Mark Waldron, as Trustee in the Bankruptcy Case (“Trustee”), filed an adversary proceeding (the “Adversary Proceeding”), No. 20-80031, against Perkins Coie LLP, one of its partners, Lowell

1 Ness, and other parties; alleging that the debtor, Giga Watt, Inc., had been
 2 damaged by the improper release of money held in an escrow by Perkins Coie. On
 3 September 26, 2022, the Trustee filed a First Amended Complaint which added
 4 and dropped both claims and parties;

5 E. WHEREAS, on September 26, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court ruled that
 6 three of the five claims asserted in the Action were the property of the estate in the
 7 Bankruptcy Case and subject to the automatic bankruptcy stay, thereby prohibiting
 8 the Class from prosecuting them in this Action, and on February 23, 2022 ruled
 9 that litigation of the remaining two claims were enjoined until the Bankruptcy
 10 Court issued a report and recommendation to the District Court or until the
 11 Adversary Proceeding was resolved;

12 F. WHEREAS, Plaintiff appealed both orders of the Bankruptcy Court
 13 to the District Court, and moved to consolidate the appeals, which motion was
 14 granted;

15 G. WHEREAS, briefing on the consolidated appeal was completed on
 16 July 29, 2022;

17 H. WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, the appeal was stayed by the District
 18 Court to permit the parties to participate in mediation with the Honorable
 19 Benjamin P. Hursh;

20 I. WHEREAS, Plaintiff and his counsel, Perkins Coie and its counsel,
 21 and the Trustee and his counsel attended an all day, in-person mediation with
 22 Bankruptcy Judge Hursh on January 20, 2023, prior to which the mediating parties
 23 exchanged significant amounts of information, exchanged mediation briefs
 24 outlining their positions and each spoke privately with Judge Hursh as well as with
 25 each other on numerous occasions; and following the in-person mediation
 26 continued to work with Judge Hursh for several months and also further

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communicated among themselves in an effort to resolve the Action, eventually resulting in settlement between Perkins and the Trustee of the Adversary Proceeding, and between Perkins and the Class in this Action;

J. WHEREAS, in September 2023, Plaintiff Eric Blomquist filed a First Amended Complaint in the Action;

K. WHEREAS, Class Counsel have determined that a settlement of the Action on the terms reflected in this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class; and

L. WHEREAS, Perkins Coie, to avoid costs, disruption, and distraction of further litigation, and without admitting the truth of any allegations made in the Action, or any liability with respect thereto, has concluded that it is desirable that the claims against it be settled and dismissed on the terms in this Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Settlement Agreement is entered into by and among the Parties, by and through their respective counsel and representatives, and the Parties agree that: (1) upon the Effective Date, the Action and all Released Claims shall be fully, finally, and forever settled and compromised as between Plaintiff and the Class on the one hand, and Perkins Coie on the other hand; and (2) upon final approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Judgment and Approval Order, shall be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice and releasing all Released Claims against the Released Parties

II. DEFINITIONS

A. As used in this Settlement Agreement and the attached exhibits the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. “Action” means *Dam v. Perkins Coie LLP, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-00464-SAB (E.D. Wash.).

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1 2. “Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses” means such funds as may be
 2 awarded by the Court to compensate Plaintiff’s Counsel for work performed in
 3 this matter and to reimburse Plaintiff’s Counsel for their out-of-pocket costs and
 4 expenses incurred in litigation of the Action, as set forth in Section VIII.

5 3. “Bankruptcy Court” means the United States Bankruptcy
 6 Court of the Eastern District of Washington, the Honorable Frederick P. Corbit
 7 presiding, in the bankruptcy matter captioned *In re: Giga Watt, Inc.*, Case No. 18-
 8 03197-FPC (E.D. Wash.) and all related adversary actions in the Bankruptcy
 9 Court.

10 4. “Cash Payment” means the settlement payment, either by
 11 check or electronic transfer, made to Class Members as set forth in Section IV.1.

12 5. “Claim” means the form and information submitted by a
 13 Claimant to the Settlement Administrator.

14 6. “Claimant” means a person or entity who submits a Claim
 15 Form to receive a Cash Payment.

16 7. “Claim Form” means the document and certain information to
 17 be submitted by a Claimant substantially in the form of Exhibit F, and as discussed
 18 in Section IV.4.

19 8. “Claim Deadline” means the date by which Claim Forms must
 20 be postmarked or submitted online to the Settlement Administrator to be
 21 considered timely. Subject to approval by the Court, the Claim Deadline will be
 22 45 days after the Settlement Administrator completes dissemination of the Class
 23 Notice (excepting any re-mailings of the Class Notice).

24 9. “Class” or “Class Member” means all persons or entities who
 25 owned one or more Tokens on November 19, 2018. Excluded from the Class are:
 26 (i) jurists and mediators who are or have presided over the Action, Plaintiff’s

1 Counsel and Defendants’ Counsel, their employees, legal representatives, heirs,
2 successors, assigns, or any members of their immediate family; (ii) Defendants
3 and any of their subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, and officers, directors, employees,
4 legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, or any members of their
5 immediate family; (iii) GigaWatt Pte., Ltd., Cryptonomos Pte. Ltd., and Giga Watt
6 Inc. and any of these entities’ subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, and officers,
7 directors, employees, partners, agents, legal representatives, heirs, successors, or
8 assigns, or any members of their immediate families; and (iv) any persons or
9 entities who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class.

10 10. "Class Counsel" means Timothy G. Blood and Thomas J.
11 O'Reardon II of Blood Hurst & O'Reardon, LLP.

12 11. "Class Notice" means, collectively, the Long-form Class
13 Notice, Email Notice and Postcard Notice (substantially in the forms of Exhibits
14 A–C), and publication notice as discussed in Section V.C.1-3.

15 12. "Class Notice Program" means the dissemination of Class
16 Notice as described in Section V.B.

17 || 13. "Class Representative" or "Plaintiff" means Eric Blomquist.

18 14. “Common Fund” means a non-reversionary cash fund in the
19 amount of four and one-half million dollars (\$4,500,000) which is to be distributed
20 in the following order: to compensate Plaintiff’s Counsel their fees and expenses
21 as awarded by the Court; to pay the Settlement Administrator for notice and
22 settlement administration costs; to pay the Class Representative service award as
23 awarded by the Court; to provide the Cash Payments to Class Members; and if
24 applicable, to the Cy Pres Recipient.

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1 15. "Court" or "District Court" means the United States District
 2 Court for the Eastern District of Washington, the Honorable Stanley A. Bastian
 3 presiding.

4 16. "Cy Pres Recipient" means the non-profit public policy
 5 organization Blockchain Association that, subject to approval by the Court, will
 6 receive any funds remaining after all Class Member distributions have been made.

7 17. "Defendants" or "Perkins Coie" means Perkins Coie LLP,
 8 Perkins Coie U.S., P.C., Perkins Coie California, P.C., and Lowell Ness.

9 18. "Defendants' Counsel" or "Perkins Coie's Counsel" means
 10 Byrnes Keller Cromwell LLP and Munding, P.S.

11 19. "Direct Notice" means distribution of Class Notice by e-mail
 12 (if an e-mail address is available) or if not, by first class mail through the United
 13 States Postal Service to Class Members as identified in the records of the
 14 Bankruptcy Court, Perkins Coie, or by other reasonable means.

15 20. "Effective Date" means the later in time of: (a) the date on
 16 which the time to appeal has expired if no appeal has been taken from entry of the
 17 Final Judgment and Approval Order; (b) in the event that an appeal or other effort
 18 to obtain review of the Final Judgment and Approval Order has been initiated, the
 19 date after which all such appeals or other requests for review have been finally
 20 concluded on terms that fully affirm approval of this Settlement Agreement and
 21 are no longer subject to further appeal; (c) the date on which the time to appeal has
 22 expired if no appeal has been taken from entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court
 23 approving the settlement of the Adversary Proceeding; (d) in the event that an
 24 appeal or other effort to obtain review of the Order described in subparagraph (c)
 25 hereof has been initiated, the date after which all such appeals or other requests for
 26 review have been finally concluded on terms that fully affirm approval of the
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1 settlement of the Adversary Proceeding and are no longer subject to further appeal;
 2 (e) the date on which all other conditions to the settlement have been met including
 3 those listed in Section VII.G and H; or (f) if Class Counsel and Perkins Coie agree
 4 in writing, any other agreed date that is earlier than the Effective Date as calculated
 5 according to the subparagraphs above; provided that the Effective Date may not
 6 be modified unless all conditions to settlement of the Adversary Proceeding have
 7 been met.

8 21. “Escrow Account” means that IOLTA account maintained by
 9 Perkins Coie in which Token purchase funds from the Initial Token Offering were
 10 deposited to be held until certain conditions were met.

11 22. “Final Approval Hearing” means the hearing to be conducted
 12 by the Court on such date as the Court may order to determine the fairness,
 13 adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement Agreement.

14 23. “Final Judgment and Approval Order” means, collectively, the
 15 Final Judgment and Final Order Approving Settlement to be entered by the Court
 16 approving this Settlement Agreement as fair, adequate, and reasonable, confirming
 17 the certification of the Class, and issuing such other findings and determinations
 18 as the Court and/or the Parties deem necessary and appropriate to implement the
 19 Settlement Agreement. The Final Judgment and Approval Order shall be
 20 substantially in the form of Exhibit D.

21 24. “Giga Watt Estate” means the estate of Giga Watt, Inc. in the
 22 Bankruptcy Case.

23 25. “Long-form Class Notice” means the legal notice of the terms
 24 of the proposed Settlement, as approved by the Court, to be distributed according
 25 to the Class Notice Program. The Long-form Class Notice shall be substantially in
 26 the form of Exhibit A.

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26. “Net Fund” means the amount remaining in the Common Fund after payment of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, a Class Representative Service Award, and Notice and Claim Administration Expenses.

27. “Notice and Claim Administration Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator, including all notice expenses, the costs of administering the Class Notice Program, and the costs of processing and distributing all the Cash Payment to Class Members.

28. “Notice Date” means the date by which the Settlement Administrator shall complete dissemination of the Class Notice (excepting the re-mailing or forwarding of the Class Notice), which shall be within thirty days from the Preliminary Approval Order, unless the Parties agree to a different date, subject to Court approval.

29. “Objection Date” means the date by which Class Members must file and serve objections to the Settlement Agreement and shall be no later than twenty-one days before the date first set for the Final Approval Hearing.

30. “Opt-Out Date” means the date by which a Request for Exclusion must be received by the Settlement Administrator and shall be no later than twenty-one days before the date first set for the Final Approval Hearing. A Request for Exclusion electronically submitted via the Settlement Website will be deemed received on the date of electronic submission.

31. "Parties" means the Plaintiff and Defendants in this Action.

32. "Plaintiff" means the proposed Class Representative Eric Blomquist.

33. "Plaintiff's Counsel" means Blood Hurst & O'Reardon, LLP and Western Washington Law Group PLLC.

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1 34. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the order to be entered
 2 by the Court conditionally certifying the Class, preliminarily approving the
 3 Settlement Agreement, setting the date of the Final Approval Hearing, appointing
 4 Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, approving the Class Notice Program and
 5 forms of Class Notice, and setting the Opt-Out Date, Objection Date, and Notice
 6 Date, the proposed form of which is attached as Exhibit E.

7 35. “Released Claims” means any and all actions, claims,
 8 demands, rights, suits, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature against the
 9 Released Parties, including damages, costs, expenses, penalties, equitable relief,
 10 injunctions, and attorneys’ fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in
 11 law or in equity, that arise from or relate to the facts giving rise to this Action.

12 36. “Released Party” or “Released Parties” means Defendants and
 13 their parents, subsidiaries, divisions, departments, and affiliates, and any and all
 14 of Defendants’ past and present officers, directors, employees, stockholders,
 15 agents, successors, attorneys, insurers, representatives, and assigns; the Giga Watt
 16 Estate, Mark D. Waldron as Chapter 7 Trustee of the Giga Watt Estate, and agents
 17 and attorneys of the Giga Watt Estate.

18 37. “Releasing Party” means Plaintiff and each and every Class
 19 Member.

20 38. “Request for Exclusion” means the communication that must
 21 be submitted to and received by the Settlement Administrator on or before the Opt-
 22 Out Date by a Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class.

23 39. “Settlement Administrator” means Epiq Class Action &
 24 Claims Solutions, Inc., the entity retained by the Parties and approved by the Court
 25 to design, consult on, and implement the Class Notice Program, to administer and
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send the settlement benefits to Class Members, and perform overall administrative functions.

40. “Settlement Website” means the Internet website to be created and maintained for this settlement by the Settlement Administrator to provide information to the public and the Class about this Settlement Agreement.

B. Capitalized terms used in this Settlement Agreement, but not defined in Section II, shall have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement.

III. CLASS CERTIFICATION AND AMENDED COMPLAINT

A. Certification of the Class for Settlement Purposes

As part of the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff will seek preliminary certification of the Class. Defendants consent, solely for purposes of settlement, to the certification of the Class, to the appointment of Class Counsel, and to the approval of Plaintiff as suitable representative of the Class; provided, however, that if the Court fails to approve this Settlement Agreement or the Settlement Agreement otherwise fails to be consummated, then Defendants shall retain all rights they had, including but not limited to, the right to object to the maintenance of the Action as a class action.

B. Filing of Amended Complaint

Plaintiff shall file a First Amended Class Action Complaint, which is reasonably acceptable to Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2). The Amended Complaint will contain a class definition to conform to this Settlement Agreement, include Eric Blomquist as the named Plaintiff and proposed Class Representative, and include any other changes necessary to conform to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

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1 **IV. SETTLEMENT RELIEF**

2 1. Class Members who submit a timely, valid Claim Form will be
 3 entitled to a Cash Payment. The Cash Payment to each Class Member will be a
 4 *pro rata* share of the Net Fund, calculated using a fraction, where the number of
 5 Tokens owned by the respective Class Members on November 19, 2018, is divided
 6 by the total number of Tokens owned by all Class Members who submit Claim
 7 Forms which are allowed by the Settlement Administrator.

8 2. The Cash Payment amount each Class Member is entitled to will be
 9 calculated by the Settlement Administrator in accordance with the Plan of
 10 Allocation described in the Long-form Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit A,
 11 or such other plan of allocation approved by the Court.

12 3. Release of the Common Fund and Distribution of Settlement Relief.

13 a. Within fifteen business days of the Effective Date, Perkins
 14 Coie shall cause the Common Fund to be funded by paying the sum of \$4,500,000
 15 (minus amounts, if any, previously paid by Perkins Coie to the Settlement
 16 Administrator under Section IV.3.b, *infra*) to the Settlement Administrator.
 17 Payment will be made via wire transfer to the following instructions: Western
 18 Alliance Bank, Account Name: Gigawatt Settlement Fund, Routing No.
 19 122105980, Account No. 8943150407 (“Settlement Account”). The Settlement
 20 Account will be created and administered by the Settlement Administrator in
 21 conformance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement
 22 Account shall be held in a Qualified Settlement Fund (defined below) that is
 23 established for this settlement.

24 b. To reimburse the Settlement Administrator for costs and fees
 25 incurred before the Common Fund is fully funded pursuant to Section IV.3.a.,
 26 Perkins Coie shall advance to the Settlement Administrator the amount of fees and

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1 costs it reasonably incurs before the Effective Date in an amount not to exceed
 2 \$45,000.00. Such amounts shall be paid, up to the specified cap, in the ordinary
 3 course of business after receipts of invoices by Defendants' Counsel showing the
 4 Settlement Administrator's incurrence of reimbursable costs. The amounts so paid
 5 shall be credited against the \$4,500,000 amount which Perkins Coie is to pay into
 6 the Common Fund pursuant to Section IV.3.a. In the event the Effective Date does
 7 not occur, Perkins Coie shall not be reimbursed the amount advanced to the
 8 Settlement Administrator pursuant to this paragraph.

9 c. The Settlement Administrator shall invest the Common Fund
 10 amount in interest-bearing short-term instruments or accounts that are backed by
 11 the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the
 12 United States Government or an agency thereof (the "Instruments"). Interest
 13 earned on money in the Settlement Account, less any taxes owed thereon (if any),
 14 will be added to the Common Fund for the benefit of the Class. Notwithstanding
 15 the foregoing, that portion of the Common Fund that the Settlement Administrator
 16 reasonably estimates needs to be available on a liquid basis to pay on-going costs
 17 of settlement administration or to be distributed to the Class, as provided in this
 18 Settlement Agreement, may be placed in one or more insured accounts that may
 19 be non-interest-bearing. Except as otherwise specified herein, the Instruments at
 20 all times will remain in the Settlement Account and under the control of the
 21 Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall not disburse the
 22 Common Fund except: (i) as provided in this Settlement Agreement; (ii) by an
 23 order of the Court; or (iii) with the written agreement of Class Counsel and
 24 Defendants' Counsel. All costs and risks related to the investment of the Common
 25 Fund in accordance with the investment guidelines set forth in this paragraph shall
 26 be borne by the Common Fund. Subject to further order(s) or directions as may be
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1 made by the Court, or as provided in the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement
2 Administrator is authorized to execute such transactions as are consistent with the
3 terms of the Settlement Agreement. All funds held by the Settlement Administrator
4 shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall
5 remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall
6 be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or pursuant to further order(s)
7 of the Court. In the event that the settlement cannot be concluded for any reason,
8 the Common Fund shall be returned to Perkins Coie. Except as otherwise specified
9 herein, the Instruments at all times will remain in the Settlement Account and
10 under the control of the Settlement Administrator.

1 and costs of the Settlement Administrator; and to pay the Class Representative
2 Service Award approved by the Court. The amount remaining after these payments
3 is the Net Fund.

4 f. Within fourteen days of receipt by the Settlement
5 Administrator, the Net Fund will be distributed to Class Members who submitted
6 timely Claims approved as valid. By default, the Settlement Administrator will
7 provide Cash Payments through physical checks to each Class Member. Class
8 Members receiving their Cash Payment by check will have 90 days from the issue
9 date on the check to cash or deposit the check. Class Members may change the
10 default method by which they receive their Cash Payment by electing to instead
11 receive the amount by means of an electric transfer of funds (“Electronic
12 Transfer”). The Electronic Transfer payment options will be stated in the Claim
13 Form and on the Settlement Website. The Settlement Website will provide a secure
14 means by which Class Members may furnish the payment information necessary
15 for the Settlement Administrator to provide the Cash Payment through Electronic
16 Transfer. Class Members who elect to receive an Electronic Transfer in their Claim
17 Form or on the Settlement Website but fail to provide sufficient or correct
18 information to permit such payment shall be sent their Cash Payment through
19 physical check.

20 g. The Common Fund is not a reversionary fund and Perkins Coie
21 will not have any reversionary interest in the Common Fund or Net Fund. In the
22 event any portion of the Net Fund is not distributed to Class Members after all
23 reasonable efforts are made as described in Sections IV.4 and V.C, and after
24 waiting for ninety days from the date the last check or Electronic Transfer is issued,
25 including any check or Electronic Transfer that has been re-issued, the remaining
26 balance, including any funds from failed Electronic Transfers, shall be
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1 redistributed pro rata to Class Members who negotiated the checks or accepted an
2 Electronic Transfer in the initial distribution.

7 || 4. Claim Form Submission

15 b. Claimants will have forty-five calendar days from the date of
16 mailing of their Class Notice or email transmission of their Class Notice to return
17 completed Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms may be
18 returned by U.S. mail or any other regularly maintained mail delivery service or
19 submitted online on the Settlement Website.

1 information that contradicts the information submitted by the Claimant. Perkins
 2 Coie will provide all information it can reasonably obtain regarding Claimants at
 3 the request of the Settlement Administrator. Prior to the rejection of a Claim, the
 4 Settlement Administrator shall take reasonable steps to communicate with the
 5 Class Member in an effort to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form.
 6 Following any effort to resolve the curable deficiencies, the Settlement
 7 Administrator shall promptly notify all Claimants whose Claims the Settlement
 8 Administrator proposes to reject, in whole or in part, and provide its reasons.

9 d. If a Claimant disputes the determination made by the
 10 Settlement Administrator, the Claimant may appeal the decision by providing
 11 written notice to the Settlement Administrator within 20 days of the date
 12 notification was sent informing the Claimant of the rejection (in whole or in part).
 13 Written notice appealing the decision may be made by U.S. mail or by completing
 14 and submitting an appeal form on the Settlement Website. The Settlement
 15 Administrator shall notify Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel of any disputes
 16 regarding the rejection of a Claim. Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel may
 17 review any Claims rejected by the Settlement Administrator. If Class Counsel and
 18 Defendants' Counsel agree that a Claim was improperly rejected, the Claim shall
 19 be deemed valid and paid. If Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel do not agree
 20 as to whether a Claim was improperly rejected, the Settlement Administrator's
 21 determination of Claimants' eligibility to receive Cash Payments and the amount
 22 thereof is final and may not be contested by the Claimant.

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1 **V. ADMINISTRATION AND CLASS NOTICE**

2 **A. Settlement Administrator**

3 1. Subject to Court approval, the Parties shall retain Epiq Class
 4 Action & Claim Solutions, Inc. as Settlement Administrator to help implement the
 5 terms of the Settlement Agreement.

6 2. The Settlement Administrator will be tasked with the
 7 administration of this Settlement Agreement, as set forth herein. Those
 8 responsibilities include, but are not limited to (1) arranging for dissemination of
 9 the Direct Notice and publication notice, (2) mailing or arranging for the mailing,
 10 emailing or other distribution of the Class Notice and the settlement relief to Class
 11 Members, (3) handling returned mail and email not delivered to Class Members,
 12 (4) making any additional mailings required under the terms of this Settlement
 13 Agreement, (5) answering written inquiries from Class Members and/or
 14 forwarding such inquiries to Class Counsel or their designee, (6) receiving and
 15 maintaining on behalf of the Court and the Parties any Class Member
 16 correspondence and Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, (7) establishing
 17 the Settlement Website that posts the operative complaint, Settlement Agreement,
 18 the Class Notice, and other related documents, (8) sending and reviewing Claim
 19 Forms, (9) distributing the Common Fund according to the terms of this Settlement
 20 Agreement, and (10) otherwise assisting with administration of the Settlement
 21 Agreement.

22 3. The contract with the Settlement Administrator shall obligate
 23 the Settlement Administrator to abide by the following performance standards:

24 a. The Settlement Administrator shall accurately and
 25 neutrally describe, and shall train and instruct its employees and agents to
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1 accurately and objectively describe, the provisions of this Settlement Agreement
2 in communications with Class Members; and

B. Class Notice

7 1. Class Notice: The Class Notice forms will include a Long-form
8 Class Notice, Email Notice, and Postcard Notice.

9 2. The Long-form Class Notice, available on the Settlement
10 Website and to be sent to Class Members at their request, shall be in substantially
11 the form of Exhibit A. At a minimum, the Long-form Class Notice shall:

16 c. inform Class Members that, if they do not exclude
17 themselves from the Settlement Class, they may be eligible to receive relief:

18 d. describe the procedures for participating in the
19 Settlement, including all applicable deadlines, and advise Class Members they
20 may be asked to submit a Claim Form to determine their eligibility to receive a
21 Cash Payment and/or the amount thereof, and that they may elect to receive Cash
22 Payment by Electronic Transfer and inform Class Members how to provide the
23 information necessary for Electronic Transfer, including the deadline for doing so;

24 || e. describe the Release;

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g. state the identity of Class Counsel and the amount sought in attorneys' fees and expenses and the Class Representative service award;

h. explain the procedures for opting out of the Class including the applicable deadline for opting out;

- i. explain the procedures for objecting to the Settlement Agreement including the applicable deadline; and

j. explain that any judgment or orders entered in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class shall include and be binding on all Class Members who have not been excluded, even if they have objected to the proposed Settlement Agreement and even if they have another claim, lawsuit, or proceeding pending against Defendants or the Released Parties.

3. Email Notice and Postcard Notice: The Email Notice and Postcard Notice shall be in substantially the form of Exhibits B and C, and shall include the web address of the Settlement Website, a description of the Class, a description of relief available to the Class, and an explanation of the right to object and/or opt-out of the Class and the deadlines to exercise these rights.

4. Publication Notice: In addition to the above forms of notice to the Class, notice of the proposed settlement shall be published for 31 days in Reddit, Twitter and Telegram with publication enhanced by press releases and sponsored search listings in Google, Yahoo! and Bing.

5. Website Notice: The Settlement Website shall be created and maintained by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Website shall be activated no later than the Notice Date and shall remain active until sixty (60) days after the settlement benefits are distributed to Claimants. The URL of the Settlement Website will be “www.GigaWattTokenSettlement.com.” The Settlement Administrator shall post the Long-form Class Notice, a copy of this

1 Settlement Agreement and its Exhibits, the Preliminary Approval Motion, the
 2 Preliminary Approval Order, the operative complaint, the Motion for Final
 3 Approval and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, the Final Judgment and
 4 Approval Order, Settlement-related deadlines, Electronic Transfer payment
 5 option information, and any other materials or information the Parties agree to
 6 include on the Settlement Website. These documents shall be available on the
 7 Settlement Website for as long as the Settlement Website is active.

8 6. Class Action Fairness Act Notice: Perkins Coie shall work with
 9 the Settlement Administrator to comply with all notice requirements imposed by
 10 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b) ("CAFA Notice"). Perkins Coie shall be responsible for
 11 paying CAFA Notice costs, if any; CAFA Notice costs will not be paid from the
 12 Common Fund.

13 **C. Dissemination of Class Notice**

14 1. Direct Notice: The Email Notice or Postcard Notice (as
 15 applicable), shall be sent via email, or for those Class Members for whom an email
 16 address is not available, but a physical address is available, then via the United
 17 States Postal Service, to every Class Member who can be identified in the records
 18 of (1) Perkins Coie, (2) the Giga Watt Estate, or (3) otherwise. Perkins Coie shall
 19 provide the Settlement Administrator with any of the aforementioned Class
 20 Member contact information it possesses. Direct Notice will be sent on the Notice
 21 Date. Prior to the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall employ its
 22 regular data processing and data cleaning procedures on the records
 23 (names/addresses) for the Direct Notice. The Settlement Administrator shall
 24 design the Direct Notice (for both delivery by U.S. mail and by email) in such a
 25 manner as to enhance the likelihood that it will be opened or viewed by the Class
 26 Member. After posting of the Postcard Notice by the Settlement Administrator
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1 with the United States Postal Service, for any such mailed notices returned as
2 undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall utilize the National Change of
3 Address registry in an attempt to obtain better addresses for such returned mail
4 notices, and should that registry show a more current address, the Settlement
5 Administrator shall send the returned Postcard Notice to the more current address.
6 The Settlement Administrator will promptly resend any Postcard Notice that is
7 returned as undeliverable with a forwarding U.S. mail or email address to such
8 forwarding address.

9 2. No later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator
10 shall cause to be published notice of the proposed settlement in the publications
11 listed above and with the enhancements identified above. The publication notice
12 will run for 31 days and will direct viewers to the Settlement Website to read the
13 Long-form Class Notice, submit a Claim Form, and obtain additional information
14 about the proposed settlement.

15 3. Website Notice: No later than the Notice Date, the Settlement
16 Administrator will post the Long-form Class Notice and Claim Form on the
17 Settlement Website, and shall post the additional documents and information
18 discussed in Section V.B.4 above as they become available. Such documents and
19 information may also be posted on Class Counsel's website and Plaintiff's
20 Counsel's websites at their option.

21 4. Upon Request: The Long-form Class Notice and Claim Form
22 shall also be sent via electronic mail or regular mail to Class Members who so
23 request. The Class Notice and Claim Form will be disseminated, and these
24 documents and others will be posted on the Settlement Website in English.

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VI. OBJECTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION

A. Objections

3 1. Any Class Member who intends to object to the fairness of the
4 Settlement Agreement must do so in writing no later than the Objection Date. The
5 written objection must be filed with the Court and served on Class Counsel and
6 Defendants' Counsel no later than the Objection Date. The written objection must
7 include: (a) a heading which refers to the Action; (b) the objector's name, address,
8 telephone number and, if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone
9 number of his/her counsel; (c) a statement that the objector is a Class Member, the
10 number of Tokens owned on November 19, 2018, and an identification of the
11 wallet in which the Tokens were held; (d) a statement whether the objector intends
12 to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through counsel; (e) a
13 statement of the objection and the specific grounds supporting the objection; (f) a
14 statement whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset
15 of the class, or to the entire class; (g) copies of any papers, briefs, or other
16 documents upon which the objection is based; and (h) the objector's handwritten,
17 dated signature (the signature of objector's counsel, an electronic signature, and
18 the annotation “/s” or similar annotation will not suffice).

19 2. Any Class Member who files and serves a written objection, as
20 described above, may appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or
21 through counsel hired at the Class Member's expense, to object to any aspect of
22 the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of this Settlement Agreement. Class
23 Members or their attorneys who intend to make an appearance at the Final
24 Approval Hearing must serve a notice of intention to appear on Class Counsel and
25 Defendants' Counsel, and file the notice of appearance with the Court, no later

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1 than seven (7) days before the Final Approval Hearing, or as the Court may
 2 otherwise direct.

3 3. Any Class Member who fails to substantially comply with the
 4 provisions of Sections VI.A.1-2 above shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he
 5 or she may have to appear separately and/or to object and shall be bound by all of
 6 the terms of this Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders and
 7 judgments, including, but not limited to, the Release, in the Action.

8 **B. Requests for Exclusion**

9 1. Any member of the Class may request to be excluded from the
 10 Class. A Class Member who wishes to opt out of the Class must do so no later than
 11 the Opt-Out Date. To opt out, a Class Member may mail to the Settlement
 12 Administrator a written Request for Exclusion that is received no later than the
 13 Opt-Out Date. A Request for Exclusion may also be electronically submitted at
 14 the Settlement Website by the Opt-Out Date. Exclusion requests submitted at the
 15 Settlement Website will be deemed received on the date of electronic submission.
 16 The Request for Exclusion must be personally signed by the Class Member and
 17 contain a statement that indicates a desire to be excluded from the Class, states the
 18 number of Tokens owned on November 19, 2018, and identifies the wallet in
 19 which the Tokens were held. No person may opt out of the Class for any other
 20 person or be opted-out by any other person, and no Class Member shall be deemed
 21 opted-out of the Class through any purported “mass” or “class” opt-outs.

22 2. Any Class Member who does not submit a timely, written
 23 Request for Exclusion shall be bound by all subsequent proceedings, orders and
 24 the Final Judgment and Approval Order in this Action, even if he or she has
 25 pending, or subsequently initiates, litigation, arbitration, or any other proceeding
 26 against any or all of the Defendants relating to the Released Claims.

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3. Any Class Member who properly requests to be excluded from the Class shall not: (a) be bound by any orders or judgments entered in the Action relating to the Settlement Agreement; (b) be entitled to a Cash Payment or be affected by, the Settlement Agreement; (c) gain any rights by virtue of the Settlement Agreement; or (d) be entitled to object to any aspect of the Settlement Agreement.

4. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel with a final list of all timely Requests for Exclusion within three days after the Opt-Out Date and shall file the final list of all timely Requests for Exclusion prior to or at the Final Approval Hearing.

5. If Class Members collectively owning more than the agreed number of Tokens submit timely valid requests for exclusion, Perkins Coie shall have the unilateral and exclusive option, in its sole discretion, to terminate the Settlement Agreement. This option must be exercised within 30 days of the Opt-Out Date or within seven days before the Final Approval Hearing, whichever occurs first. The agreed number of Tokens for purposes of this provision is set forth in a separate agreement between Perkins Coie and Plaintiff and will be provided to the Court for good cause and if so, ordered by the Court.

VII. RELEASES AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT

A. Upon the Effective Date, each and every Releasing Party shall by order of this Court be deemed to have released, waived, forfeited and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from initiating, asserting, and/or prosecuting any Released Claim against any Released Party in any court or any forum.

B. In addition, with respect to the Released Claims, Plaintiff specifically acknowledges and affirmatively waives any rights or benefits available to him

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1 under California Civil Code section 1542. California Civil Code section 1542
2 provides:

3 A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor
4 or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or
5 her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if
6 known by him or her, would have materially affected his or
her settlement with the debtor or released party.

7 Plaintiff hereby waives any and all federal and state statutes similar in substance,
8 meaning or application to California Civil Code section 1542.

9 C. In consideration for the Agreement, Defendants and their parents,
10 subsidiaries, divisions, departments, and affiliates, and any and all of its past and
11 present officers, directors, employees, stockholders, agents, successors, attorneys,
12 insurers, representatives, licensees, licensors, subrogees, and assigns shall be
13 deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Approval Order shall
14 have, released Plaintiff's Counsel and Plaintiff from any and all causes of action
15 that were or could have been asserted pertaining solely to the conduct in filing and
16 prosecuting the litigation or in settling the Action.

17 D. No Class Member shall have any claim against Plaintiff, Plaintiff's
18 Counsel, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, or the Settlement Administrator based
19 on distributions of the settlement relief made substantially in accordance with the
20 Settlement Agreement and the Plan of Allocation.

21 E. In any proceeding, matter or dispute between Perkins, Plaintiff and/or
22 the Class Members, the Court shall retain exclusive and continuing venue and
23 jurisdiction over the Parties and the Class Members to interpret and enforce the
24 terms, conditions, and obligations under the Settlement Agreement and any such
25 disputes shall be brought in this Court.

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1 F. The Plaintiff, Perkins Coie and the Trustee have various and differing
 2 views regarding whether the Bankruptcy Court's orders staying and preliminarily
 3 enjoining the Action (which orders are on appeal in this Court) must be lifted or
 4 modified before Plaintiff and Perkins Coie may seek approval of this Settlement
 5 Agreement in this Court, and if so, the appropriate procedure. Accordingly,
 6 Plaintiff intends to seek guidance from the District Court (which has jurisdiction
 7 via the consolidated appeal over the stay/preliminary injunction orders). Plaintiff
 8 will not file the motion for preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement until
 9 the District Court provides input on this issue.

10 G. As an additional condition of settlement, plaintiff Jun Dam will obtain
 11 a voluntary dismissal (without costs or fees to either party) of the consolidated
 12 appeal pending (and currently stayed) in the separate litigation between the Trustee
 13 and plaintiff Jun Dam in the Eastern District of Washington, Case No. 2:21-cv-
 14 00291-SAB, using one of the means identified for voluntary dismissals in the
 15 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 8023. Plaintiff will seek a voluntary
 16 dismissal of the appeal within 10 business days from when the Final Judgment and
 17 Approval Order is final and non-appealable, or from when the Bankruptcy Court's
 18 order approving the settlement of the Adversary Proceeding is final and non-
 19 appealable, whichever occurs later. Any acts by Perkins Coie keyed off of the
 20 Effective Date and conditions of settlement will not be required until the
 21 consolidated appeal is dismissed.

22 H. This settlement Agreement will not take effect until, and is
 23 conditioned upon, a successful conclusion of the settlement of the Adversary
 24 Proceeding brought by the Bankruptcy Trustee, Mark D. Waldron, against Perkins
 25 Coie LLP, et al., Adversary Case No. 20-80031, in the bankruptcy matter
 26 captioned *In re: Giga Watt Inc.*, Case No. 18-03197. EXHIBIT K, 29 of 36

VIII. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARD

A. Class Counsel shall make an application for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Common Fund or one million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,125,000).

B. Class Counsel shall make an application for reimbursement of Plaintiff's Counsel's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and for approval of the fees and costs to be incurred by the Settlement Administrator.

C. The award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses will be paid to Class Counsel from the Common Fund. The application for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses will be made by Class Counsel on behalf of themselves and the other Plaintiff's Counsel. Class Counsel shall distribute and allocate the Attorneys' Fees and Expense awarded to Plaintiff's Counsel in its sole discretion. Perkins Coie shall not be responsible for any other fees or expenses incurred by Class Counsel, Plaintiff's Counsel or Plaintiff.

D. Plaintiff will apply for a Class Representative service award in the amount of \$5,000.00. Any Court-approved service award is in addition to the benefits that the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a member of the Class.

E. The Court-approved Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Class Representative service award will be paid from the Common Fund within seven (7) days of the Settlement Escrow Agent's receipt of the Common Fund.

F. The Court's determination of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and the Class Representative service award will not affect the remainder of the Settlement.

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1 **IX. FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT**

2 A. This Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon the
 3 issuance by the Court of the Final Judgment and Approval Order that finally
 4 certifies the Class for the purposes of this settlement, grants final approval of the
 5 Settlement Agreement, and provides the relief specified herein. Such Final
 6 Judgment and Approval Order shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as
 7 Exhibit D.

8 **X. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY/FOR SETTLEMENT ONLY**

9 A. This Agreement reflects the compromise and settlement of disputed
 10 claims among the Parties and is for settlement purposes only. Neither the fact of,
 11 or any provision contained in this Agreement or its Exhibits, nor any action taken
 12 hereunder, shall constitute, be construed as, or be admissible in evidence as an
 13 admission of: (a) the validity of any claim or allegation by Plaintiff, or of any
 14 defense asserted by Perkins Coie, in the Action or in any other action or
 15 proceeding; (b) any wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind on
 16 the part of any Party, Defendants, Released Party, or their respective counsel; or
 17 (c) the facts recited herein.

18 B. The terms of this Settlement Agreement are not, and should not be
 19 construed as, an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of Perkins Coie.

20 **XI. TERMINATION OF THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

21 A. Except for Section XI.A.2, which may be exercised only by Perkins
 22 Coie, any Party may terminate this Settlement Agreement by providing written
 23 notice to the other Parties within thirty days of any of the following events:

24 1. The Court does not enter a Preliminary Approval Order that
 25 conforms in material respects to Exhibit E; or

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2. If Class Members owning more than a specified number of Tokens opt out as described above at Section VI.B.5. The specified number of Tokens for purposes of this provision is agreed to by the Parties in a separate written agreement.

B. In the event that this Settlement Agreement terminates for any reason, all Parties shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date of execution of the Settlement Agreement. In no event will Defendants be entitled to recover any funds advanced to the Settlement Administrator for Notice and Claim Administration Expenses pursuant to Section IV.3.b.

XII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Entire Settlement Agreement: The Settlement Agreement, including all Exhibits, shall constitute the entire Settlement Agreement among the Parties with regard to the Action and shall supersede any previous settlement agreements, terms sheets, representations, communications and understandings among the Parties with respect to the subject matter of the Settlement Agreement.

B. Execution in Counterparts: The Settlement Agreement may be executed by the Parties in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile signatures or signatures sent by email shall be treated as original signatures and shall be binding.

C. Notices: Whenever this Settlement Agreement requires or contemplates that one Party shall or may give notice to the other, notice shall be provided in writing by first class U.S. Mail and email to:

1. If to Plaintiff or Class Counsel:

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1 San Diego, California 92101
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4 2. If to Defendants or Defendants' Counsel:

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11 D. Good Faith: The Parties agree that they will act in good faith and will
12 not engage in any conduct that will or may frustrate the purpose of this Settlement
13 Agreement. The Parties further agree, subject to Court approval as needed, to
14 reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement
15 Agreement.

16 E. Publicity: To the extent Defendants or Plaintiff make any public
17 statements regarding the settlement of this Action, any such statements shall be
18 consistent with the Court-approved documents that comprise this Settlement
19 Agreement.

20 F. Binding on Successors: The Settlement Agreement shall be binding
21 upon, and inure to the benefit of, the heirs, successors and/or assigns of the
22 Released Parties.

23 G. Arms-Length Negotiations: The determination of the terms and
24 conditions contained herein and the drafting of the provisions of this Settlement
25 Agreement has been by mutual understanding after negotiation, with consideration
26 by, and participation of, the Parties hereto and their counsel. This Settlement
Agreement shall not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was
the drafter or participated in the drafting. Any statute of ~~EXHIBIT K~~ ^{33 of 36} that

ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the implementation of this Settlement Agreement and the Parties agree that the drafting of this Settlement Agreement has been a mutual undertaking.

H. Waiver: The waiver by one Party of any provision or breach of the Settlement Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other provision or breach of the Settlement Agreement.

I. Variance: In the event of any variance between the terms of this Settlement Agreement and any of the Exhibits hereto, the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall control and supersede the Exhibit(s).

J. Taxes: No opinion concerning the tax consequences of the Settlement Agreement to any Class Member is given or will be given by Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, Class Counsel, or Plaintiff's Counsel; nor is any Party or their counsel providing any representation or guarantee respecting the tax consequences of the Settlement Agreement as to any Class Member. Each Class Member is responsible for his/her tax reporting and other obligations respecting the Settlement Agreement, if any.

K. Modification in Writing: The Settlement Agreement may not be changed, modified, or amended except in a writing signed by one of Class Counsel and one of Perkins Coie's Counsel and, if required, approved by the Court. The Parties contemplate that the Exhibits to the Settlement Agreement may be modified by subsequent agreement of Defendants and Class Counsel so long as the modifications do not alter the substantive terms of the Agreement, reduce the rights and benefits of Class Members, or affect the rights of the Trustee as set forth in the settlement agreement of the Adversary Proceeding.

L. Retain Jurisdiction: Subject to Section VII.E, the Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of EXHIBIT K, 34 of 36

1 this Settlement Agreement, and the Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the
2 Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement.

3 M. Choice of Law: This Settlement Agreement is governed by, and shall
4 be construed and enforced in accordance with, Washington law.

5 N. Computation of Time: All deadlines and time periods prescribed in
6 this Settlement Agreement shall be calculated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6.

7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the Settlement
8 Agreement to be executed as of the last date set forth below.

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10 Dated: September 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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